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Dear Mr. Downs:

As you know, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting an investigation of the sources of groundwater contamination in the Burbank area. EPA is working with the California State Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), which has the lead in overseeing investigations at individual facilities.

Considering the nature and length of operations of Pacific Airmotive Corporation (PAC) in the Burbank area and the results of recent groundwater monitoring, EPA believes the PAC facility to be a high priority for characterization and cleanup. However, the work to be conducted by PAC under RWQCB oversight can not proceed until a workplan is developed that meets the standard requirements of the RWQCB Well Investigation Program.

After examining the record, it appears that PAC has not complied with repeated RWQCB requests for a workplan for conducting a soil gas investigation at the PAC facility at 2940 N. Hollywood Way in Burbank.

We strongly advise PAC to work with RWQCB to develop the required workplan immediately. Otherwise, EPA will consider using its federal enforcement authority under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act to require that this work be done.

We expect PAC to be in contact with either RWQCB or EPA within the next week to discuss how PAC intends to comply with RWQCB. Please direct questions to the EPA attorney for this project, Mr. Thomas Mintz at (415) 744-1333 or the EPA Project Manager, Colette Kostelec at (415) 744-2253. Also, please provide Colette Kostelec a courtesy copy of future correspondence with RWQCB.

Sincerely,

David B. Jones, Chief
Remedial Action Branch

cc: Tony Divincenzo - Pacific Airmotive Corporation
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